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9. GRAINS: THERE IS MOVEMENT TOWARD SEPARATE INTERVENTION  
PRICES FOR FEED WHEAT AND BAKING QUALITY WHEAT. THE ITALIANS  
WANT HIGHER SUBSIDIES FOR THEIR DURUM WHEAT. THERE IS TALK OF  
A CORN TARGET PRICE INCREASE IN THE 8 PERCENT RANGE.

10. BEEF: THE PREMIUM SYSTEM WILL LIKELY BE CONTINUED. THERE  
CONTINUE TO BE DIVERGENCES ON THE INTERVENTION PRICE LEVELS.

11. WINE: SETTLEMENT OF THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN REGARDED AS THE  
SINE QUA NON OF THE PRICE PACKAGE. THE FRENCH CONTINUE  
THEIR INTRANSIGENCE ON LIFTING THEIR BORDER TAX ON ITALIAN  
WINE DESPITE ALMOST FINAL EC AGREEMENT, INTER ALIA, TO  
RAISE THE SUPPORT PRICES, TO DEVALUE THE GREEN LIRA AND TO  
ALLOW FOR THE DISTILLATION OF 4 MILLION HECTOLITRES OF WINE.  
THE FRENCH WANT SOME ASSURANCE THAT THEY CAN APPLY SOME SORT  
OF MINIMUM IMPORT PRICE IF NECESSARY TO KEEP CHEAP ITALIAN  
WINE OUT OF THEIR MARKET.

12. MONETARY ASPECTS: THE IRISH GREEN POUND AND THE ITALIAN  
GREEN LIRA MAY BE DEVALUED.  
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13. FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: THE ITALIANS ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE CONTINUING EROSION OF COMMUNITY PREFERENCE FOR THEIR EXPORTS. THEY WANT INCREASED PENETRATION PREMIA ON ORANGES AND LEMONS.

14. SUGAR: THERE ARE NO PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WITH THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS BUT SOME OPPOSITION, NOTABLY FROM THE BELGIANS AND FRENCH, TO DECREASING THE MAXIMUM QUOTAS.

15. ATMOSPHERICS: EC COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAMILIUS HAS BEEN SHEPHERDING HIS EC MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES AT A FAIRLY BUSINESS-LIKE PACE (BY AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL STANDARDS) WITH MEETINGS SO FAR NOT LASTING BEYOND MIDNIGHT AND BEGINNING PROMPTLY IN THE MORNING. IT APPEARS THAT THE FARM MINISTERS ARE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN REACHING FINAL AGREEMENT DURING THIS ROUND INSTEAD OF ADJOURNING UNTIL NEXT WEEK. SUCH A POSTPONEMENT WOULD BE MERELY PROLONGING THE AGONY SINCE, THEY RECKON, IT WOULD TAKE A DAY FOR THEM TO RENEW THEIR FAMILIARITY WITH THE ISSUES AND AT LEAST ANOTHER DAY TO RECREATE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE FOR SERIOUS NEGOTIATING.

16. BEFORE ADJOURNING THURSDAY NIGHTS SESSION, HAMILIUS ASKED EACH MINISTER TO CITE 2 OR 3 SECTORS IN WHICH HIS DEMANDS WERE TRULY ESSENTIAL TO HIS FARM INTERESTS. MOST MINISTERS CONFINED THEMSELVES TO 3 OR 4 EXCEPT ITALIAN MINISTER MARCORA WHO LISTED 16 ESSENTIAL POINTS, AND TO QUOTE LARDINOIS "HE (MARCORA) STILL HAS TEN OTHERS IN HIS POCKET." AS CAN BE SEEN, IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT, DESPITE THE PROGRESS ALREADY MADE SO FAR. HINTON

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